

**INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014 – 7:30 P.M.
WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL – LOWER LEVEL, ROOM B**

MINUTES

Present: Chair Mark Parker, Marla Butts, Patty Lacasse, Carl Knittel, Tina Lajoie, (IWWA Clerk), Terry Bellman (Wetlands Agent), Bruce Woodis (KWP)

I. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Parker at 7:37 p.m.

II. Roll Call – Mark Parker, Carl Knittel, Marla Butts, Patty Lacasse

III. Appointment of Alternates – None

IV. Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting – November 10, 2014

MOTION BY MARLA BUTTS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY PATTY LACASSE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. Old Business - None

VI. New Business

11-14-27 Thomas H. & Joy Beatty, 37 New Sweden Rd - 2 lot subdivision

Bruce Woodis with KWP & Associates is representing the Beatty's. (Authorization for representation in file). Mr. Woodis gives an overview of the proposal, to create an additional building lot behind the existing home located at 37 New Sweden Rd. Mr. Beatty had come before IWWA earlier in the year to get an approval for repair of a culvert which Mr. Woodis states was redone and is stable. The plan shows the proposed house, well, septic system and the driveway that is already in place for some of the distance but must continue up to the proposed house location. All of the structures will be located outside of the 100 foot upland review area including the septic system however the grading for the septic system will go downhill and will require the installation of a silt fence on the edge of disturbance. A stone wall is located at the bottom of the slope that runs above the wetlands which serves as an additional buffer. Application for NDDH approval was submitted but not yet received. Subdivision application will be submitted to PZC. There is a discussion on whether this can be a Wetland's Agent approval since there is no impact to the wetlands. As explained by T. Bellman, the subdivision regulations and/or state statutes do require an Agency review and approval. M. Butts asked for clarification on the condition of the pre-existing cross culverts for the driveway. Mr. Woodis stated that another surveyor located them and he did not comment on whether they were filled in or not or water overtopping the driveway. He further stated that he had seen no evidence of any overtopping from blocked pipes and believes it is working properly. T. Bellman confirms that he has visited the site on several occasions and never noticed a problem.

MOTION BY MARLA BUTTS TO AUTHORIZE THE NOTIFICATION TO PZC THAT THE INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION/AGENCY FINDS APPLICATION 11-14-27 ACCEPTABLE FOR APPROVAL WITHOUT SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND THAT TERRY BELLMAN IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OFF ON THE PERMIT AS THEIR DESIGNATED WETLAND'S AGENT, SECONDED BY CARL KNITTEL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. Requests for Approval of Timber Harvest as Use Permitted as of Right

a. 259 Coatney Hill Rd (Paul Hebert) – Submitted by Michael Bartlett at Hull Forest Products

Mark Parker recuses himself since he is an abutting property owner. A shelter wood cut is proposed (14" and greater) during the months of Dec through Jan with one wetlands crossing on an existing path. A temporary portable bridge will be used to prevent erosion. Trees are being removed only in the upland review area, not in wetlands, on an 8-acre parcel. **ITEM TABLED TO JANUARY 2015 OR WHEN THERE IS A QUORUM.**

b. Route 171 (Map 5783, Block 69, Lot 18, 05, 08A) (Ian & Joan Cummings) – Submitted by Michael Bartlett at Hull Forest Products

Timber harvest proposed in the upland review area, not in wetlands, from Dec to Feb on a 52-acre parcel

c. Route 198 (Map 5711, Block 1, Lot 17) (Lemuel N. Walker) – Submitted by Michael Bartlett at Hull Forest Products

Harvest involves a temporary stream crossing, temporary wetlands crossing and removal of trees in upland review area, not in wetlands on 103-acre parcel.

MOTION BY MARLA BUTTS TO APPROVE THE REQUESTS FOR TIMBER HARVEST AS USE PERMITTED AS OF RIGHT APPLIED FOR BY IAN & JOAN CUMMINGS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON RT 171, AND LEMUEL WALKER FOR PROPERTY LOCATED OFF OF RTE 198, BOTH SUBMITTED TO THE WETLAND'S OFFICE ON NOVEMBER 24, 2014. SECONDED BY PATTY LACASSE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VIII. Wetlands Agent Activity Report

1. Agent sign-offs

- a. Woodstock Building Associates, Kevin & Nicole Perry, 43 Roseland Park Rd – pier holes in the upland review area for a deck.
- b. Charles Stahl, 31 Walker Lane – placing stone for a driveway to access his property that fronts the lake. The stone does reach the upland review area and it was required that Mr. Stahl install a silt fence prior to any excavation. An inspection of the area was completed and confirmed no work in the wetlands and that the silt fence was installed properly.
- c. David Barlow, 22 Trepal Drive, Eastford side of Camp Nahaco, a piece of the lot is in Woodstock. He will be securing permits from Eastford for demolition of existing cottage, construction of new home with well and regrading of the lawn. It was required that Town of Woodstock also sign off and T. Bellman's review is that the work is not in the wetlands or upland review area for the Town of Woodstock and was able to issue an Agent's approval.

2. Continued discussion on complaint re: Drainage work on Bradford Corner Rd.

T. Bellman states that he spoke with J. Navarro on the outstanding issues from the last meeting and it was reported that the stone check dam/plunge pool was not installed as of yet. J. Navarro explained that he would be renting a mini excavator to go out and clean the area for the check dam as soon as possible. T. Bellman reports his site visit did not reveal any big drainage problems, but some standing water above the Gilmore property. There was discussion on what the timeline is for the work to be completed. It is recommended that this be completed before spring. The issue at hand is the installation of the pipe going through a wetland and/or possible intermittent watercourse area near the Gilmore's property which was not included on the approved plan. The items tabled from last month's discussion were addressed as follows:

- Settling area: Settling area has not been installed to date. Lajoie to get specifics on when this will be done.
- Research: Lajoie did some research on surrounding town procedures and provided J. Navarro with Town of E. Hartford's comprehensive plan drafted by their engineer and adopted by their IWWA and PZC to review along with the 2004 CT Storm Water Quality Manual. She also had a discussion with Tracy Bragg, Building Inspector in Killingly with a background in engineering, and experienced with road and drainage standards in Killingly. Lajoie will speak with him about attending the next meeting so he can provide his valuable comments. This item will remain on the upcoming agendas for monthly updates. It is recommended by M. Butts that the Dept of Public Works adhere to the DOT standards for hydraulics and drainage until DPW can draft their own specific standards.

The State's MS4 plan was reviewed by J. Navarro and the details of this proposed plan were discussed. It is noted that this proposal extends out to include all towns in CT. This MS4 general permit that included some of the larger urban towns will expire in January 2015 and as a result, the DEEP has come up with a new permit that identifies Tier I (currently covered) and Tier II, all the other towns and this will require payment of registration fees, mapping of storm water drainage systems and storm water management plan that will create a huge financial burden to the smaller towns. Public hearing is coming up on the issue before DEEP. There will be follow-up at the next meeting.

Discussion ensued on the applications from State of CT for Pesticides in State Waters and the phone conversations between Valerie Bodner, T. Lajoie and T. Bellman in the past concerning the incomplete applications that did not give the required details. T. Lajoie was awaiting Diane Wolff's attendance at the meeting to go over the response from V. Bodner, who claims she did respond to the letter that was sent by IWWA on two occasions. The applications that were referenced were for Evelyn Crabtree, Witches Woods and Chamberlain Pond. IWWA would like to know the actual amounts being used for the pesticides since what is reflected on the applications may not be an accurate account. Ms. Bodner had communicated with Ms. Butts in the past about DEEP cataloging the reports. The spreadsheet that has been created by Diane Wolff will be included in next month's packet for follow-up discussion.

IX. Citizen's comments / other topics

VIII. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY MARLA BUTTS, SECONDED BY PATTY LACASSE AT 8:47 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina M. Lajoie, IWWA Clerk

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